UTAH CORPORATE / PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL FED/STATE E-FILE ACCEPTANCE TESTING GUIDE
Tax Year 2013

1. General Information

The Utah State Tax Commission (USTC) participates in the Federal/State e-file Program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Participation in the Utah program requires applicants to first gain acceptance into the IRS e-file program. USTC supports the official set of IRS rules governing participation in the program. IRS publications 3112 and 1345 describe the application and acceptance procedures, and inform participants in the federal Modernized e-File program of their specific obligations.

2. Annual Acceptance Testing Process for Participants

All participants in the Utah program must first have followed the IRS testing procedures and been accepted into their electronic filing program; software developers are further required to test their software with Utah. USTC will provide state test packages based upon the data in the federal test packages. Participants must transmit the returns to USTC via the Modernized e-File (MeF) program. Test scenarios must be accepted with no error reject codes and match expected results before the software can be accepted into the electronic filing program for the upcoming tax year. Participants can make corrections to rejected files and/or returns and re-transmit as many times as necessary until all the returns in the test package are accepted.

Only software from a software developer that has been tested and approved by the IRS and the USTC for the electronic submission of Utah returns may submit Utah returns. Any returns submitted with unapproved software will be automatically rejected. Approval is necessary for each tax year you wish to file via MeF.

To begin testing with the USTC, contact our e-File team at mef@utah.gov. Please provide the name(s), email address(es), and direct phone number(s) for each person that will be working with our e-File team. Also provide the test ETIN(s) for each form you will be testing. You may download the test returns contained on this page. The direct link to the MeF page is http://tax.utah.gov/developers/mef/2013

Please prepare the test returns with your software exactly as they are provided so we can quickly determine if the content of the submitted returns matches the test scenarios. If you find errors or other inconsistencies in the test returns, notify us so we can correct the test returns.

When sending test returns, be sure to email the submission IDs of the returns you want processed to mef@utah.gov. If you do not send the submission IDs, your test returns will not be processed correctly in our testing environment. Once you have submitted the test returns and submission IDs, you should be able to retrieve the receipt and acknowledgment files within one business day. If any of your returns are rejected for schema errors or business rule violations, please correct the return and resubmit.

Once all of the test returns are processed successfully, you should receive approval within a week, depending on the volume of test returns we are currently processing. **Submit your returns early to ensure you are approved before peak filing begins.**

Once you are approved, we will ask you to provide us with your production ETIN(s) and direct contact information for anyone we may need to contact regarding production issues.

You may submit additional test cases to test different options contained in your software at any time.

3. Important MeF Dates

Here are the dates the test and production environments will be available for the IRS and USTC servers.

Tax Year	Test or Prod	IRS Servers	USTC Servers
2013	Test	11/4/2012	11/4/2012
2013	Production	Not known	Will follow IRS
2011 - 2012	Production	Currently Available	Currently Available